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HOUSE REPUBLICAN BILL FAILS TO IMPLEMENT KEY 9/11 COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS; INJECTS OVER 50 EXTRANEOUS PROVISIONS

Today Rep. Jim Turner, the Ranking Member of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, and Rep. Henry A. Waxman, the Ranking Member of the Government Reform Committee, issued a report detailing major flaws in H.R. 10, legislation unveiled by Republican House leaders on Monday to respond to the unanimous recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

According to the report, the House Republican leadership bill fully implements only 11 of the Commission's 41 unanimous recommendations. The bill partially implements only 15 recommendations, and it ignores the remaining 15 recommendations entirely.

"The 9/11 Commission is very clear in what it expects of this Congress, and this assessment shows that this GOP bill falls far short of the mark," said Rep. Turner. "If we are serious about implementing the 9/11 Commission recommendations, we ought to be working on the bipartisan bills under consideration in the Senate."

At the same time, the Republican House leaders injected over 50 extraneous provisions that are not mentioned in the 9/11 Commission's report. Although some of these additions are innocuous, several are controversial "poison pills" designed to sidetrack the legislation or postpone its passage.

"The 9/11 Commission urged Congress to work in a bipartisan manner to implement all of its recommendations," said Rep. Waxman. "In contrast, House Republicans have turned this into a political exercise. Their bill doesn't implement the Commission's recommendations. It is sham reform."

A summary of the report is attached. The full report is available at www.house.gov/hsc/democrats

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